

**INTERFACE FOR GENERATING
A BUSINESS PARTNER**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0034] An electronic procurement system may enable users, such as professional purchasers for an enterprise, to create new business partners for the enterprise using information in business partner directories hosted by external service providers. The electronic procurement system and external service providers may use a partner interface protocol to exchange partner information. The new business partner may be created during a business process using the partner information.

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